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Letter dated 29 December 2009 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I should like to inform the members of the Security Council that the activities undertaken to fulfil the mandate outlined in paragraph 14 of resolution 1284 (1999) and requested in a letter dated 26 March 2008 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General (S/2008/206) have led to expenditures amounting to $337,657 from 25 April 2008 to 30 November 2009. The funds were provided through transfers from the Iraq escrow account.

I have taken note of the Security Council's statement to the press on Iraq-Kuwait (SC/9637-IK/602), in which the Council noted the agreement of its members to finance the continuation of the activities of the High-level Coordinator for a period of eight months, with a possibility of further extension.

Given the Security Council's and my call on all parties to translate political statements of goodwill into concrete actions to speed up progress during the coming months to resolve outstanding issues, the period ahead will require further intensification of the High-level Coordinator's activities. To that end, it would be necessary to allocate resources sufficient to finance the activities of the High-level Coordinator and his support staff until 30 June 2010 in the amount of $251,400. It is suggested that these funds be earmarked from the operating reserves and fund balance of the 2.2 per cent part of the escrow account intended for administration and operational costs.

Should the Council agree with this proposal, the funds will be transferred within the escrow account and made available to the Department of Political Affairs, which backstops the activities of the High-level Coordinator.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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